ANNUAL REPORT

GLEN RIDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR 1902-03.

and Councilmen Nominated he Ensuing Year.—Appropria- for Borough Purposes Ap- d—Mayor Brewer's Address to eople.

nnual meeting of the citizens of ough of Glen Ridge was held in house on Herman Street Tues- ning. The meeting was unat- by any of the exciting features arked last year's meeting, and tions for official positions were without opposition and without m of the administration of the ar.

. Brewer was renominated for ition of Mayor; David H. Stand- Arthur L. Lockwood, members Council for one-year term; Fred- Scheffler and George C. White, rs of the Council for three-year and John Sherman, Commissioner n for term of three years.

following recommendations for ing fiscal year were adopted:

streets,	$4,000.00
f police,	2,400.00
artment,	1,000.00
streets and sidewalks,	4,000.00
the poor,	300.00
	2,400.00
on road improvement bonds,	3,520.00
on park bonds,	1,400.00
on outlet sewer bonds,	1,480.00
nce and operation of the sew- system,	420.00
of road bonds,	2,000.00
Incidental expenses of the gh, including maps, surveys, ections,	2,000.00
e roads, cobble gutters and walks,	1,000.00
	$26,920.00

nnual report of the Borough has been issued, and the ex- es for the year just closed were ows: Fire, $915.04; police, 4; street lighting, $3,893.97; upply, $2,595; streets and side- $3,919.23; poor, $305.31; general expenses, $6,114.59; sewer ance, $663.11; interest on out- er bonds, $1,480; interest on provement bonds, $2,610; inter- park bonds, $1,400; interest on provement certificates, $1,238.- tment of road improvement $2,000; total expenditures, 05. Expenditures exceeded ations in the sum of $4,659.05. Council had recourse to addi- venue from unexpended balan- previous years appropriations, and franchise taxes, and other including $794.85 received from of Bloomfield, making a total .05.

x Collector's statement for the follows:

xes for 1898,	$13.65
xes for 1899,	1.15
xes for 1900,	228.50
xes for 1901,	861.80
xes for 1902,	7,870.51
xes for 1903,	2,134.46
xes for 1904,	7,663.80
TAXES FOR 1903.	
x Duplicate for 1903	$40,587.08
Discount, Collector,	19.57
Cash,	$ 794.85
ty Tax, 1902	10,866.54
l Tax, 1902	14,120.00
ugh of Glen Ridge,	1,922.10
xes for 1903,	14,274.46
	$42,576.65 $40,576.65

Brewer in his annual message eople, says: "The results of s operation may be summar- follows:"

reduction in the public debt, e payment and cancellation of the road bonds and $8,000 of l sewer bonds, and to the fact ew debts have been created, he necessary and customary inst arrearages of taxes.

reduction in the current expen- cted mainly by economies in ire and reductions in the rates st paid by the borough for rrowed by it.

unding at a lower rate of inter- stone road debt aggregating 0, except $806.00 of said debt s been paid from current

ew Telford road, cobble gutter, walks laid and paid for out income, as set forth in the the Streets and Sidewalks e.

n agreement for the removal of Company's poles, wires and om Bloomfield Avenue, under ise which secures to the other advantages set forth in rt of the Law and Franchise e.

permanent license through the d by the Erie Railroad Com- an outlet for the sewage of ghland Avenue, which removes cipal obstacle to sewering, elfordizing and flagging that are to the hospital.

wo additions to the park lands se and deed, one other agreed formal conveyance not yet others under condemnation s and many others well ay towards harmonious

nection with the report of the ommittee I ask you to note ion of the plans made at the everal classes of bonds were issued for the gradual retirement of those debts. The lateral sewer bonds for instance, which have been issued from time to time as sewers were purchased or built, to the aggregate amount of $50,000, have been reduced by payments received from the property benefited until the total amount of such bonds now outstanding is $16,000. As the principal and interest of these bonds are, in effect, a charge upon the property whose owners have not paid their assessments, the question of their extinction is not perhaps one of wide general interest; nevertheless, it is gratifying to see them fast getting out of the way. It is quite different with the road bonds which were issued in 1897 to the amount of $60,000, both principal and interest in this case being a charge upon the borough at large. These bonds began to mature two years ago at the rate of $2,000 per year; the principal has consequently been reduced from $60,000 to $56,000. $2,000 more of these bonds will mature during the coming year and each succeeding year, as well as $1,000 of the new funding bonds. The debt is therefore certain to be hereafter reduced at the rate of $3,000 per year or more, with a corresponding reduction in the interest account, provided that no new debt is created. None is necessary. So far as stone roads are concerned, most of the territory has been covered and the experience of the year has demonstrated that, with the foundation already laid, the stone-road system can be carried to completion as fast as need be by moderate appropriations for that purpose. With that end in view, the Council have recommended an appropriation next year of $1,000 for stone-road construction and, in order that the expenditure may not prove burdensome, they have curtailed all other appropriations as much as possible.

"Your attention is called to the water contract which will expire on April 1, next. This contract has been extended from time to time until the date named, but it has so far been impossible to get prices from the water company for a long-term contract. The contract for street lighting also expires on May 1, next, and must be dealt with before that time. The problem of electric lighting of private houses, without serious street disfigurement by unsightly poles, has been under consideration and must have further attention in the near future. Plans for the construction of the Passaic Valley tidewater sewer to be used by Glen Ridge in common with Montclair, Bloomfield, Orange, Newark and other cities in the Passaic Valley are again before the Legislature. Your attention is invited to the progress of that movement. An application is before the Council from the city of Newark to lay a five foot water main through Ridgewood Avenue from Watchung to Belleville Avenue, elbowing under the Greenwood Lake Railroad, and from Ridgewood Avenue through Belleville Avenue, High Street and Bloomfield Avenue to the Bloomfield line.

"These and other matters as they arise from time to time will command the attention of the next Council, but, so far as can now be seen, there will be no new public works on a large scale for some years to come. The labors of previous Councils and of the School Board have provided a system of public improvements of a high order, and the benefits arising from their work are visible on all hands. They are seen in the pride which our people take in the place which they have chosen as their home and in their determination to keep it clean, orderly and free from objectionable features. They are also seen in the growth of population. Over one hundred new houses, all of substantial and many of valuable character, have been built since the borough was organized, and the increase in property which has come in to bear its share of the municipal expense has been such that the tax for borough purposes last year was $1.30 per $100.00 as against $1.37 for the previous year; at the same time the public debt was being reduced."

New Assessment Law.

Tax Assessor Seymour P. Gilbert has from time to time pointed out the various complications in the assessment laws in this county and the absurdities that exist in the operation of the present laws owing to a lack of uniformity in time and manner of assessment among the several municipalities in the county. As it is now some assessors are compelled by law to have return to the County Board before they know what the ratables of their respective towns, boroughs or villages are. A law introduced at this session of the Legislature by Assemblyman Boyd deals with and corrects many of the inconsistencies pointed out by Mr. Gilbert. The new law has been passed upon by the taxing officials of the city of Newark and amended in some minor points to meet the conditions existing in Newark.

A POINT GAINED.

The City of Newark Consents to Sewerage Connection with the City Sewer for that Portion of the Town South of Watsessing Avenue—Satisfactory Outcome of Negotiations Over Right of Way for Big Water Main.

The question of providing sewerage facilities for that portion of the town south of Watsessing Avenue to the Newark city line has been before the Board of Health and the Town Council for a long time. The building up of Brookside Place and Edison Park made the question of sewerage an imporant one, but owing to physical conditions the project could not be carried out except at tremendous cost, unless some arrangement could be made for attaching to the Newark city sewers.

When the city of Newark made application last November for the consent of the Town Council for the laying of a sixty-inch water main along Bloomfield Avenue, the matter was referred to the Town Council's Sub-Committee on Legal Questions and Franchises, Councilman Moore, chairman of that committee, at once opened negotiations for an arrangement with the city officials whereby one of the great sewerage needs of the town could be met. The conditions were favorable for a mutual arrangement, and Mr. Moore took advantage of it. The city wanted a privilege from the town and the town wanted one from the city. The results of the prolonged negotiations were set forth in a resolution submitted by Mr. Moore to the Towe Council on Monday night and adopted by that body. The substance of it was as follows:

"Whereas, The city of Newark, through its Board of Street and Water Commissioners, made application to the Town Council of this town for permission to lay a sixty-inch water main in Bloomfield Avenue; and whereas, it was but proper that the request should be granted, the Town Council by resolution granted permission, subject to the following conditions:

"The main is to be constructed along Bloomfield Avenue from the Glen Ridge borough line to the Newark city line, and the city is to restore the surface of all streets in the condition they were before the work was commenced, and take care of and replace in good condition all sewer, water and gas pipes, and the work is to be done as expeditiously as possible, and without unnecessarily impeding the use of the streets by the public.

"The city of Newark is to construct an eight-inch lateral or auxiliary sewer in Bloomfield Avenue between said pipe line and the northeasterly side line of said avenue from Watsessing Avenue to the Newark city line. Said lateral sewer and all other lateral sewers, when constructed, to be turned over to the use and ownership of the town of Bloomfield, and all and every part of the work aforesaid, including the construction of lateral and auxiliary sewers where necessary and as above provided, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Sewer Committee of the Town Council and of the Town Engineer, and the city of Newark shall indemnify and hold blameless the town of Bloomfield of and from any and all expense arising or to arise by reason of the work of construction of said water main."

The Board of Estimate.

The Board of Estimate met Tuesday night and after a long discussion decided by majority votes to recommend an appropriation of $37,500 for public school purposes for the fiscal year 1903-1904. This sum is an increase of $4,000 over the school appropriation of the current year. The Board of Education asked for an appropriation of $40,500, an increase of $7,000 over the current year.

The compromise sum fixed upon Tuesday night was the outcome of two long sessions of the Board of the Estimate at which the public school expenses were gone over very thoroughly in detail.

At the first session of the Board of Estimate Messrs. Thomas Oakes, and Frederick R. Pilch presented the request of the Board of Education. Chairman George Peterson of the Town Council, and Councilmen Conlan and Moore represented the Town Council and the two last named opposed any increase in the appropriation for schools.

At the second session the situation was practically unchanged. Councilman Moore again vigorously opposed any change in the amount of the school appropriation and was supported in his attitude by Mr. Conlan. In the vote on the compromise sum Chairman Peterson voted with Messrs. Oakes and Pilch.

While the action of the Board of Estimate is not legally binding on the Council that will go into power on May 1, the change in the personnel of the Council will not affect the make-up of the board, and it is safe to assume that the sum agreed upon Tuesday night will be the amount placed in the tax levy

LOCAL POLITICS.

Dates Fixed for Republican Primaries and Conventions—Ward and District Representation in the Conventions—Prospects for a Lively Election.

Town Clerk William L. Johnson has issued the annual notice of registry and election for the choosing of town officers. The election will be on Tuesday, April 14, and registration of voters will be made on Tuesday, April 7, when the Boards of Registration and Election will meet at the usual polling places in the town for the purpose of revising the registry made last fall. The Boards of Registry will be in session from one o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock in the evening.

The officers to be elected in April are a Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, one member of the Board of Assessors, four members of the Board of Education, one Councilman from each ward.

The Republican Town Executive Committee met Wednesday night and fixed the dates for primaries and conventions. The Republican primaries will be held on Wednesday evening, March 25, between the hours of five and nine o'clock. The Republican ward conventions in the First and Third Wards will be held on Friday evening, March 27, and the Republican Town Convention on Saturday evening, March 28. The Republican Town Convention will comprise 56 delegates, a large decrease from former years. The representation by election districts will be as follows: First Ward, First District, 12 delegates; Second District, 8; Second Ward, 10 delegates; Third Ward, First District, 13 delegates; Second District, 13. In the ward conventions the First District of the First Ward has 13 delegates, and the Second District only 6. In the Third Ward the First District has 14 delegates in the ward convention and the Second District 8.

It is a strange coincidence that in both the minority districts in the First and Third Wards are the districts entitled to the nominations. In the First Ward Herbert C. Farrand, member of Council, and Charles F. Kocher, member of the Board of Education, are the retiring officials, and the Second District Republicans want both men renominated. A similar condition exists in the Third Ward. There appear to be indications of a contest for the Republican nomination for Tax Collector. J. Howard Hardcastle, the present incumbent, is a candidate for renomination. Other aspirants for the place are Frank Foster, Joseph Fairbanks and Walter M. Hopler.

Borough Park Plans.

Since the issue of the last annual report of the Glen Ridge Borough Council, more land has been acquired by the borough for park purposes. The report just issued says that a deed has been obtained for the land of the quarry and Mining Company fronting 222 feet on the south side of Bloomfield Avenue, and between Ridgewood and Hillside Avenues. The tract belonging to the estate of Margaret Adams at the southwest corner of Bloomfield and Hillside Avenues has also been purchased.

These purchases complete the ownership of all the park land between Ridgewood and Hillside Avenues, except one tract in the rear along the brook, for which negotiations are now being carried on. This section of the park has much natural beauty, but, on account of its unkempt condition, it makes an unfavorable impression upon the observer from each of the three Avenues which border it, as well as from the railroad. For this reason it is recommended that a moderate expenditure be made from the park funds during the coming summer, to clear and open up this section so that the people may derive some benefit from it.

In two cases the Council has been unable to agree with owners of land west of Ridgewood Avenue as to the price to be paid, and they have instituted proceedings for condemnation. In one of these cases a speedy settlement is imminent.

An agreement has been arrived at in respect to one tract near where the railroad crosses the brook, but the deed has not yet been delivered. Negotiations for six other tracts are well under way. It is expected that all the purchases necessary can be brought well on towards an end without much further delay.

The amount available to complete such purchases is $17,733.15 on deposit at the United States Mortgage and Trust Company in New York city, bearing interest at 3 per cent per annum.

TOWN COUNCIL

HELD A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Wissner of Phœnix Hose Company Again Before the Council—Resolution of Sympathy Sent to Mayor of Newark—Essex Cross Railway Franchise Again Laid Over.

The Town Council held its regular session Monday night. At the conclusion of the preliminaries of roll call and reading of the minutes, Chairman Peterson called upon Councilman Farrand for a report. Mr. Farrand said that he had two matters which he desired to bring to the attention of the Council, but he was informed that his friend Mr. Frank Wissner was present at the Council meeting and desired to address the Council on fire matters, and in order to give Mr. Wissner an opportunity to speak, Mr. Farrand said he would postpone the consideration of the matters he had in hand for a while.

Chairman Peterson asked Mr. Wissner if he had anything that he desired to bring before the Council.

Mr. Wissner arose and began an earnest plea for consideration on the part of the Councilmen of the needs of the Fire Department in the matter of headquarters. Mr. Wissner made a special plea for Phœnix Hose Company in particular. He cited the long and efficient service rendered the people of this town by Phœnix Hose Company in the past twenty years, and he said if the Town Council wants a continuance of that service, or if it wants to keep the volunteer Fire Department together, some steps must be taken to give the firemen better housing. In Mr. Wissner's estimation the Fire Department was one of the essential features of the town government, and the people required that it be kept up to a state of efficiency, and any neglect on the part of Council to do so would be resented by the property-owners of this town.

Chairman Peterson informed Mr. Wissner that the members of the Town Council had the matter of better headquarters for fire companies under consideration, and he said negotiations were now in progress toward that end.

Councilman Conlan of the Finance Committee presented the monthly report of Town Treasurer Harry L. Osborne.

Clerk Johnson was instructed to advertise for bids for the Weaver Avenue and Cedar Street improvement.

Councilman Walker introduced a resolution extending the sympathy of the Council to Mayor Doremus of Newark over the Clinton Avenue tragedy.

A discussion over the appointment of two members of the Board of Estimate ended in allowing the present members, Councilmen Moore and Conlan, to hold their positions until after the organization of the new Council in May.

A telephone was ordered placed in Town Attorney Halfpenny's residence.

The Council held two conferences—one before and one after the meeting—when the school, water and fire matters were discussed at length.

Councilman Moore of the Franchise Committee stated that he had heard nothing from President Eppley of the Essex Cross Railway Company since the company's application for a franchise in East Orange had been denied, and consequently he did not think that the Council wanted to act on the company's application for a franchise in the absence of any of its representatives, and he moved that the matter be laid over until the next regular meeting of Council.

Death of Robert J. Beach.

Robert J. Beach, for the past forty-five years a resident of this town and Glen Ridge, died on Saturday, February 28, from heart trouble. Mr. Beach was 65 years of age. He was at one time in the paper manufacturing business at Walkill, N. Y. He had been actively identified with both of the Presbyterian Churches here during his life time, both in church and Sunday-school work. He was a member of Company F, Twenty-sixth New Jersey Volunteers. He held the rank of Lieutenant when the company left for the scene of war, and was promoted to Captain on the field at the battle of Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Eliza L. Phraner.

Mrs. Eliza L. Phraner, an active church worker, died Wednesday afternoon at her home, No. 31 Lenox Avenue, East Orange. She was the widow of the Rev. Stanley F. Phraner, and with her husband was for twelve years a missionary under the Presbyterian Board among the Loas people of Siam. For several years Mrs. Phraner has resided with her father-in-law, Rev Dr. Wilson Phraner.

Mrs. Mattie W. Kidder.

Mrs. Mattie W. Kidder, wife of E. S. Kidder, died at her home, No. 55 Oakland Avenue, Tuesday of heart trouble, following an attack of the grip. Mrs. Kidder was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and besides her husband is survived by three children.

school children of Canton who could not be kept from letting fall their tears on the coffin of the martyred President, are one in grief with the

China.

Our country is united to-day in admiration of William McKinley's character.

Kinley's portrait in London 'bus dri

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about two months.

Clinton Street, Bloomfield.—Adv.

people present sang "The

Banner," and "Rally 'Round the Flag."